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AN INK-JET PRINTING SYSTEM

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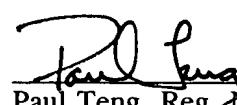
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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